

THACS

TEWIN HORTICULTURAL ARTS & CRAFTS SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2014

Your THACS committee needs your help!

The Secretary of the THACS committee is standing down at the AGM in January, after four years service. We need a new secretary if we are to continue operating effectively next year. Could that be you? The role mainly involves taking minutes of meetings, arranging the AGM, record keeping, dealing with correspondence and being a co-signatory of THACS cheques.

If you would like to join the committee as Secretary or are just curious about it, please phone the Chairman Ray Keppler 01438 717545 or the current Secretary Nick Whiting on 01438 717230.

Chairman's Introduction

I hope that you enjoyed our recent Autumn Show. The show report and the results are given below.

Please remember that your THACS membership runs until 31st October 2014 and will soon be due for renewal (unless you joined after 30th June this year, in which case your membership will run through to 31 October 2015). Membership remains only £5 per person per year, which represents excellent value. If you pay for your membership via a standing order, then your membership fee will be paid automatically. If you pay by cash or cheque, then please consider changing to a standing order. It's convenient, easy and safe (since only you can change the amount paid by your bank). If you would like to do this, please contact our Treasurer, Malcolm Allen (phone 01438 798749 or email m.allen47@googlemail.com.) Otherwise, please send your cheque (payable to THACS) to Malcolm Allen, 47 Bishops Road, Tewin Wood AL6 0NP by 1st November 2014.

Ray Keppler (Chairman)

THACS Events

For ease of reference, here are the dates and titles of our events, together with the closing dates for the associated bookings.

Date of event	Event	Closing date for bookings
13 th October 2014	Flower arranging presentation	10 th October 2014.
1 st November 2014	Art & Craft fair and sale	No booking necessary
26 th November 2014	Visit to the National Gallery, London	10 th November 2014
12 th January 2015	Annual General Meeting	No booking necessary

THACS Autumn Show on Saturday 6th September 2014

Congratulations to all the exhibitors at the Autumn Show this year. This was the 13th annual Autumn Show and it attracted a record 124 exhibitors who entered 399 exhibits.

We were delighted that, thanks to the efforts of Tewins playgroups, nursery and primary school, we received entries from 83 children. Well done!

It was also encouraging to see 41 adults exhibiting, several for the first time.

The show attracted a substantial number of visitors in the afternoon and they certainly had a lot to see. Adult entries in the main hall included an array of lovely flowers and arrangements, an impressive range of fruit and vegetables, knitting, pottery, jewellery and a mouth-watering display of culinary delights whilst the Parish Room housed a full display of photographs and art exhibits.

Entries from children also covered a wide range of skills. Their horticultural class included delightful flower arrangements whilst their arts and crafts class included a large number of colourful paintings. Culinary exhibits included edible butterflies and caterpillars and imaginatively decorated fairy cakes, whilst the photography class included photos of sunsets, action and fruit & vegetables.

When it came to the prize-giving for the adults, it soon became apparent that the most successful person was Anna Clark. As you can see from the results below, her incredible effort of 37 entries over five classes resulted in her winning the Carlton Rose Bowl (flowers), the Ivor & Vaughan Williams Trophy (vegetables & fruit) and the Shire Park Bowling Club President's Shield (horticulture), as well as coming second in Flower Arranging and third in Culinary. What a remarkable achievement! Other adult winners were Mavis Haggard for Flower Arranging, Terry Brand for Arts & Crafts, Jules Bridgman for Photography and Amanda Glew for Culinary.

The most successful child exhibitor was May Carley, who came first in her age group for horticulture, arts & crafts and culinary, leading to her winning the Tewin Cowper School Parents' Association Award.

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The Autumn Show was successful and enjoyable, thanks go to all those people who helped at the shows:-

- The staff, helpers and children at Tewin Cowper School, Tewin Under-Fives Pre-school, Tewin Tots Pre-school and the Tewin Toddler group, who have been very enthusiastic and supportive
- The judges, who give their time and expertise freely
- The Judges' Stewards, who helped the judges and recorded the results
- Anne Hall, Peter Burleigh and Linda Crawford who presented some of the prizes
- Mike Clark and John Ling for taking the photographs
- Kirston Winters for being the auctioneer
- The committee, who worked so hard to make the show a success
- All the helpers behind the scenes, setting up and clearing the hall, manning the door, helping with teas, cakes, lunch for the judges and washing up
- All the exhibitors, without whom there would be no show!

Ray Keppler (Show Secretary)

<i>Special Awards for Highest Points - Adults</i>	<i>Winners</i>
St Peter's Church Trophy - Flower Arranging	Mavis Haggard
Carlton Rose Bowl - Flowers	Anna Clark
Ivor & Vaughan Williams Trophy - Vegetables & Fruit	Anna Clark
Shire Park Bowling Club President's Shield - Horticulture (Flower Arranging, Flowers, Vegetables & Fruit)	Anna Clark
Royal Horticultural Society Banksian Medal – Horticulture (Flowers, Vegetables & Fruit)	Ray Keppler
Friends of Tewin Trophy - Arts & Crafts	Terry Brand
Merv Wilson Trophy - Photography	Jules Bridgman
Memorial Hall Trophy - Culinary	Amanda Glew

<i>Special Awards for Highest Points - Children</i>	<i>Winners</i>
Tewin Cowper School Parents' Association Award – Horticulture, Arts & Crafts and Culinary	May Carley
George Humble Crawford Award - Children's Photography	Leah Barker

<i>Other Prizes – Adults</i>	<i>First</i>	<i>Second</i>	<i>Third</i>
Flower Arranging	Mavis Haggard	Anna Clark	Bridget Keppler & Joy Lawson
Flowers	Anna Clark	Shirley Barker & Diana Brannen	
Vegetables & Fruit	Anna Clark	Ray Keppler	Shirley Barker
Arts & Crafts	Terry Brand	Shirley Ashby	Elisabeth Buchanan
Photography	Jules Bridgman	Ray Keppler	Diana Brannen
Culinary	Amanda Glew	Shirley Barker	Anna Clark

<i>Other Prizes – Children</i>	<i>Winners</i>
Horticulture	
Nursery & Reception	Kitty-Rose Carley
Years 1 & 2	May Carley
Years 3 & 4	Leah Barker
Years 5-7	Adam Barker
Years 8-13	No entries
Arts & Crafts	
Nursery & Reception	Marley & Konnie (pre-school)
Years 1 & 2	May Carley
Years 3 & 4	Scarlett Somerville
Years 5-7	Adam Barker
Years 8-13	Lydia Bennett
Culinary	
Nursery & Reception	Kitty-Rose Carley
Years 1 & 2	May Carley
Years 3 & 4	Scarlett Somerville
Years 5-7	Connie Marshall
Years 8-13	Lydia Bennett
Photography	
Years 5-7	Leah Barker
Years 8-13	Lydia Bennett

Forthcoming Events

Flower arranging presentation on Monday 13th October 2014

A flower arranging demonstration will be given in Tewin Memorial Hall on the evening of Monday 13th October, so do please come along.

The presenter will be Gill McGregor, who is a qualified and experienced floral design tutor and NAFAS demonstrator both in the UK and world-wide. Gill describes her presentations as “inspirational designs with distinction wrapped in a conversation of humour”, so the evening should be enjoyable, informative and fun.

Gill has written a number of books. Her latest published book is entitled *50 techniques used in Contemporary Floral Design* and it is a learning resource to assist students learning contemporary flower arranging or for experienced flower arrangers wishing to research a variety of techniques to enhance their floral designs. Copies of Gill's books will be available for viewing and purchase. You can find out more about her work and see short videos of some of her presentations at her web site <https://www.gillmcgregor.com/>.

The aim of the evening is to encourage and inspire more people to have a go at flower arranging. Gill will demonstrate four different designs at a pace that will enable her to comprehensively explain their methods of construction with enthusiasm and humour. So the evening's presentation will be suitable for both the novice or less experienced aspiring flower arranger as well as for members of local Flower Clubs.

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The evening starts at 7:30pm with free wine / fruit juice and nibbles. The demonstration will begin at 8:00pm and will be followed by a raffle of the resulting four displays. The evening should end by about 10:00pm.

Advance tickets cost £5 and are available from Tewin Stores, or you can book your place by filling in the form on page 10 and then send it, with your payment, to Ray Keppler, 15 Upper Green Road, Tewin, AL6 0LE by 10<sup>th</sup> October. Alternatively, you can just come along on the evening, with an entrance fee at the door of £6.

This is a marvellous chance to get some festive ideas and some technical and artistic help for your show entries, church decorations or home arrangements in the future, so do come and join us.

## **Arts & Crafts fair and sale on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2014**

Our Biennial Arts and Crafts Fair will be held in Tewin Memorial Hall on Saturday the 1<sup>st</sup> November between 10am and 4pm.

We have lots of exciting new stalls this year for you to browse. These include jewellery, decoupage, quilting, woodcraft and paintings. Also, to sustain you as you buy your Christmas presents, there will be refreshments.

Entrance is free to all, so come and join us and buy something unique made by a local crafts person.

## **Visit to the National Gallery on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2014**

We are organising a coach trip on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November to the National Gallery in Trafalgar Square.

The National Gallery houses one of the greatest collections of paintings in the world and entrance is free of charge. The Collection contains over 2,300 works, including many famous works, such as van Eyck's Arnolfini Portrait, Velázquez's Rokeby Venus, Turner's Fighting Temeraire and Van Gogh's Sunflowers. All major traditions of Western European painting are represented, from the artists of late medieval and Renaissance Italy to the French Impressionists. You can preview the collection on line at <http://www.nationalgallery.org.uk/artists/>. This could help you identify areas of the gallery where you may wish to spend more time.

In addition to the usual paintings on show, this autumn the National Gallery has a special exhibition 'Rembrandt: The Late Works' - the first ever in-depth exploration of Rembrandt's final years of painting. The cost of entry to this exhibition is shown below.

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| Adult                                | £18.00 |
| Senior (60+)                         | £16.00 |
| National Art Pass (Art Fund) holders | £9.00  |

If you intend viewing this exhibition we recommend you pre-book, either online via the above site or by telephone (020 7747 2885). You might be able to buy tickets on the day from the ticket desk in the Sainsbury Wing Foyer but if demand is heavy there is no guarantee of availability.

Of course there are many more attractions to see in London and don't forget that Christmas won't be far away, so why not visit the West End shops.

The coach will leave the Rose and Crown at 9:30am and leave the National Gallery for the return home at 4:00pm. The seats cost £8.50 for *THACS* members and £11.00 for non-members. Please book early to be sure you don't miss out.

You can book your place by filling in the form on page 10 and then send it, with your payment, to Jim Hall, 5 School Lane, Tewin AL6 0JR by 10<sup>th</sup> November 2014.

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## AGM on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2015

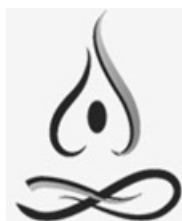
The fourteenth *THACS* AGM takes place at Tewin Memorial Hall on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2015 at 8.00pm. The presentation of the Tewin Society Award will start the evening and this will be followed by the *THACS* AGM and then a talk on Panshanger Park from a guest speaker. More information about the AGM and the talk will be issued with the next newsletter in December.

## Recent Events

### Visit to RHS Wisley on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> July 2014

It was a lovely summer's day, ideal for our visit. The coach left Tewin at 9:00 and we had a smooth and comfortable journey. On arrival, I was pleased to find that everything was ready and waiting for us, so it did not take long to get the entrance tickets and map and guide to the gardens and to check the arrangements for the mobility scooters and for meeting for the garden tour. Fifty

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people came on the visit and nine of these went on the optional guided tour, which was enjoyable and informative. The tour took about 1½ hours so there was still plenty of time for lunch and exploration.

Although we had over 4½ hours at Wisley, there was not time to see it all, so everyone had to make decisions about where to spend their time. One of the highlights was the famous mixed borders which were magnificent and full of colour, form and texture. I recognised several of the plants that I have in my own garden but the specimens at Wisley were more robust and much larger and healthier than mine. They are a living testimonial to the skill and dedication of the excellent gardeners there. However, I did derive some perverse pleasure in noticing a few bits of bindweed and some signs of slug damage! The glasshouse and lake were impressive and the surrounding planting has matured nicely. There were some great plant combinations to see in detail and a glorious view en masse.

All of the wonderful planting must have prompted ideas for plants at home. Several people visited the plant centre, resulting in an impressive collection of fine plants which were safely stowed in the coach's hold for the return journey. The time-keeping was excellent, so thanks to everyone in the group for helping to make the visit go so smoothly.

On the way back, there was a happy atmosphere and everyone was pleased with their purchases and what they had seen at the gardens. This trip was billed as a summer's day out to lift the spirits and it certainly was!

## The Tewin Society Award

Nominations are now being sought for people to be considered for the Tewin Society Award 2014. Nominations must be for unpaid work that has contributed to the Heritage, Environment and Conservation of Tewin. We are fortunate to have some people who give their time and effort freely, doing work which we all benefit from. This award is a way of thanking and honouring these people, so please support this initiative by nominating the person who you think most deserves this recognition.

The nomination process has been designed to be as simple and straight-forward as possible. In addition, there are notes to provide guidance about things for you to consider when selecting someone to nominate and when you complete the nomination form.

Nomination forms and guidance notes are available from Tewin Stores, or by downloading from [www.tewinvillage.co.uk](http://www.tewinvillage.co.uk). Please submit your nomination before the end of November.

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VISIT TO NATIONAL GALLERY
WEDNESDAY 26th NOVEMBER 2014

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	Price	#
<i>THACS</i> members	£8.50	
Non-members	£11	

This booking covers the coach only. Entry into the National Gallery is free of charge.

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